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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

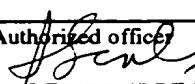
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International Application No.

PCT/US95/13296

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages 1-44 , as originally filed.
pages NONE , filed with the demand.
pages NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

the claims, Nos. 1-15 , as originally filed.
Nos. NONE , as amended under Article 19.
Nos. NONE , filed with the demand.
Nos. NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
Nos. _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings, sheets/fig 1-2 , as originally filed.
sheets/fig NONE , filed with the demand.
sheets/fig NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
sheets/fig _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE .

the claims, Nos. NONE .

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE .

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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PCT/US95/13296**III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

the entire international application.

claims Nos. 5-9, 14-15

because:

the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*).

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 5-9, 14-15 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*).

Because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4 (a). They are improper multiple dependent claims.

the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 5-9, 14-15.

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PCT/US95/13296**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-4, 10-13</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-4, 10-13</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-4, 10-13</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

1- Claims 1-4, 10-13 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Mitchell et al. Mitchell et al. teaches a method of compressing binarized images, receiving image, generating sequences, encoding a portion, accumulating the frequency, modified Huffman coding, modified read coding, run-length encoder, adaptive encoder, and sequence of code symbols (see abstract, column 2, lines 4-14, column 2, lines 44-63, column 3, lines 21-65, column 4, lines 1-63, and column 5, lines 15-68).

2- Claims 1-4, 10-13 lack inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) for the same reasons given above in item 1.

3- Claims 1-4, 10-13 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because compressing image is useful in image storage and transmission.

4- The other references which were previously cited are Taniguchi et al., Aono et al., and Golin et al. These references teach features similar to those stated in unsearchable claims 5-9 and 14-15. However, since the claims 5-9 and 14-15 are still unsearchable, there is no need to use these references. For requirements of the remaining claims (claims 1-4 and 10-13), only the main reference (Mitchell et al.) has been used. Mitchell et al., by itself, teaches all of the features of claims 1-4 and 10-13.

NEW CITATIONS

NONE